GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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OPERATION TO NAB VEERAPPAN
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre is closely monitoring the operations to nab Veerappan;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that there is lack of coordination among the local police and the commandoes deployed by the Centre; and

(c) if so, the reasons for withdrawal of BSF commando force deployed to nab the forest brigand Veerappan ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (c): `Public Order` and `Police` are State subjects and therefore maintenance of law and order is the primary responsibility of the State Governments. In the case of operations against Veerappan, State Governments of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka formulated a joint strategy for nabbing the criminal and reactivated the STF operations.Both the State Governments had requested the Central Government for providing assistance to supplement and improve their resources in the conduct of operations against Veerappan and his gang. As per their request the Central Government provided necessaryassistance by way of supply of weaponry, equipment and deployment of BSF personnel etc.Coordination issues were sorted out by the State Governments concerned from time to time. However, the BSF was withdrawn in September, 2001 due to pressing commitments elsewhere.